

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of      Petkovich *et al.*  
Serial No.:                09/668,482  
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Title:                      Retinoid Metabolizing Protein  
Art Unit:                  1652  
Examiner:                 Elizabeth Slobodyansky, Ph.D.  
Atty's Docket No.:       32391-2005

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20331  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the enclosed reference entitled, "Retinoic Acid Isomers Applied to Human Skin *in Vivo* Each Induce a 4-Hydroxylase That Inactivates Only *Trans* Retinoic Acid," by Duell *et al.* published in the February 1996 issue of The Journal of Investigative Dermatology.

The Examiner's attention is drawn, in particular, to Figure 1 which shows the time course for induction of RA-4 hydroxylase activity after topical application of 0.1% t-RA cream to adult human skin under occlusion.

Yours very truly,



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